



Community Voice Mail (www.cvm.org) operates in 19 states providing free, 24-hour voicemail to people in crisis and transition every day.

We are now offering 96,000 free voicemail numbers to survivors of Hurricane Katrina, relief workers without phone service and social service agencies on site.

CVM needs partner organizations to help us distribute free voicemail numbers in locations where we do not currently have a presence - and where the need is great.

WHAT:

- Toll free numbers with individual extensions for each person
- 24/7 message capability
- Use any touch-tone phone to access messages
- Portable - your CVM numbers goes where you go
- No Batteries Required: your number can't be lost, broken or stolen (unlike a cell phone)

WHY:

- Once basic food, shelter and clothing needs are met, the second wave begins
- A reliable message number is crucial to receiving ongoing aid and benefits (FEMA, Red Cross, TANF, etc.)
- Contact with banks, schools, employers, etc. is key to returning to normalcy
- The power of a friendly voice can keep hope alive and assist in trauma recovery

WHO:

- Survivors of Hurricane Katrina who need reliable access to communication
- Relief workers on site without individual phone access
- Social service agencies needing extra communication in the field

HOW:

- Training is quick and easy. You can learn how to dispense CVM numbers in about 15 minutes.
- Enrolling users is easy, too. It takes approximately 3 minutes to give someone their own CVM number

WHERE:

- CVM numbers currently available in: Houston, Dallas, Austin, Phoenix, Richmond, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington DC, Raleigh, Orlando, and Columbia
- Need to expand to hardest hit areas and additional overflow locations to help those in need (Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, etc.)

HELP US: This is a long-term solution, supported by our partners Cisco, SBC Communications and Microsoft. We anticipate individuals will use their CVM numbers for at least 6 months to reconnect to jobs, housing, stability and opportunity. Help us deploy this important and long-range solution.

TO GET INVOLVED, contact your local CVM office (www.cvm.org) OR, if there is not a CVM in your area, please contact Community Voice Mail's National Office at 206-441-7872 x135/email info@cvm.org.